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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir,

This 19 page communication is responsive to a Non-Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2008. The Office Action has been carefully considered, and the Applicant has the following comments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of the Applicant's Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of the Applicant's Reply.